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SUBJECT: EX-SOVIET REFUGEES IN BELGIUM

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1. FOREIGN MINISTRY (VAN DYCK) INFORMED US TODAY THAT ICEM REPRESENTATIVE IN BRUSSELS HAD INFORMED MINISTRY THAT AN UNSPECIFIED NUMBER OF EX-SOVIET JEWS WHO HOLD ISREALI LAISSEZ-PASSERS HAD RECEIVED LETTERS FROM US AUTHORITIES INFORMING THEM THEY COULD NOT BE ACCEPTED BY US AS REFUGEES. GROUNDS FOR THIS DECISION, ACCORDING TO FOREIGN MINISTRY, WERE (A) THEY HAD BEEN RE-SETTLED IN ISRAEL; (B) THEY HAD EMPLOYMENT IN ISRAEL; AND (C) THERE WAS NO CHANCE THAT THEY WOULD BE RETURNED TO THE USSR.

2. FOREIGN MINISTRY SERIOUSLY CONCERNED THAT THESE REPORTED GROUNDS FOR REJECTION MIGHT APPLY TO LARGE MAJORITY OF ISRAELI LAISSEZ-PASSER HOLDERS IN BELGIUM AWAITING INS DECISION ON ADMITTANCE TO US. THEY HAD CONSIDERED ASKING BELGIAN EMBASSY IN WASHINGTON TO APPROACH DEPARTMENT ON THIS ISSUE BUT DECIDED FOR THE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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MOMENT TO USE US AS ESTABLISHED CHANNEL.

3. WE ARE AWARE OF REJECTION ON THEIR MERITS OF A CERTAIN
NUMBER OF SPECIFIC INDIVIDUAL CASES. HOWEVER, WE NOW
HAVE BEEN TOLD DIRECTLY THAT FOREIGN MINISTRY, REFLECTING
BELGIAN GOVERNMENT VIEWS, IS CONCERNED. ACTION REQUESTED:
A STATEMENT FROM DEPARTMENT WE CAN PASS TO FOREIGN MINISTRY
AS SOON AS POSSIBLE EXPLAINING CURRENT STATUS OF
SITUATION, GIVING INDICATION OF WHAT PROPORTION OF THOSE
WHO ARE BEING CONSIDERED FOR ADMITTANCE TO US MIGHT BE
TURNED DOWN ON GROUNDS SUCH AS THOSE LISTED IN PARA 1,
AND A BEST ESTIMATE OF WHEN FIRST GROUP OF REFUGEES MIGHT
BE ACCEPTED AND LEAVE BELGIUM FOR US.RENNER

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